

ACTS OF WORSHIP: PREACHING**I. THOUGHTS ON PREACHING.**

- A. Preaching is a very important part of the worship service to God. Special men have been appointed to do this task, while every Christian can be a “preacher.”
- B. The office of a preacher is like that of an apostle, prophet, pastor, and teachers. A preacher is not a pastor or prophet, or apostle but has similar responsibilities.
- C. A preacher must equip the saints (Christians) for the work of the ministry. He must be able to defend the truth and accurately tell others how to preach and preach to others himself.
- D. God want s the church to have many preachers so that His work and word will be accomplished and spread. The church is to make known unto the world the manifold wisdom of God (Eph. 3:10).
- E. When preaching is done by someone they are teaching with persuasion. Teaching by itself conveys information to the one being taught, while preaching is doing the same thing with the idea of converting the one being taught to the doctrine being espoused.
- F. In most order's of worship the preaching is the last item. After singing, praying, giving, communion, comes the preaching of God's Word. The assembly is preached to, so that they can improve their lives and learn more about spreading God's word.
- G. Once the assembly (worship) has ended preaching still takes place. Anyone can preach the gospel provided they know what the Bible says. They can preach to their neighbors and friends, schoolmates, and those with whom they work. Preaching is a seven days a week activity that every member should be involved in.
- H. There are many preachers in both the Old and New Testaments to which we can look for strength encouragement, and examples to help us in our own personal ministries. Noah, Abraham, Isaiah, Jeremiah, Elijah, and Ezekiel are just a few of the preachers in the Old Testament.
- I. Jesus, John the Baptizer, Paul, Peter, Apollos, and Phillip are some of the preachers we find in the New Testament. These men Here able to preach the entire counsel of God, unlike their Old Testament forerunners.
- J. Preaching is an essential part of the worship to God. It is also a very important part of our everyday living.

II. EXAMPLES OF MINISTERS PREACHING.

See Mt. 3:1; 9:35; Mk. 16:20; Lk. 9:6; Ac. 28:31; Eph. 2:17; 1Pet. 3:19; 4:6; Rev. 14:6.

III. CHRIST, THE THEME OF PREACHING.

See Ac. 4:2; 8:5; 8:35; 9:20; 10:36; 1Cor. 1:23; 2Cor. 4:5.

IV. PREACHING ENJOINED.

See Mt. 10:7; 10:27; Mk. 16:15; Lk. 9:2; Ac. 5:20; 2Tim. 4:2.